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1. DURING MY JULY 8 CALL ON ACTING FOREIGN MINISTER
KUZNETSOV TO DISCUSS MIDDLE EAST (SEPTTEL) I TOOK THE
OCCASION TO RAISE THE ISSUE OF CALLS ON USTINOV AND OTHER
HIGH SOVIET OFFICIALS.

2. I OPENED BY STATING THAT I WAS GRATEFUL TO HAVE
MET AT LENGTH WITH BREZHNEV. (DEPUTY FOREIGN MINISTER
KORNIYENKO INTERJECTED TO QUIP THAT WITH MY PRESENCE AT
BREZHNEV'S JULY 8 RECEPTION OF DIPLOMATIC CHIEFS OF
MISSION I HAD MET HIM TWICE IN ONE WEEK, "JUST LIKE
DOBRYIN MET WITH PRESIDENT CARTER.") I SAID THAT AS
KUZNETSOV KNEW, DOBRYNIN HAS FREQUENT PROMPT ACCESS
TO THE HIGHEST LEVELS OF THE U.S. GOVERNMENT INCLUDING
THE PRESIDENT, THE SECRETARY OF STATE AND THE SECRETARY
OF DEFENSE. WE BELIEVED THAT SUCH ACCESS BY AMBASSADORS
WAS USEFUL IN MAINTAINING AND PROMOTING THE EXCHANGE OF
VIEWS ESSENTIAL TO DEVELOPING UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN
OUR TWO COUNTRIES.

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3. I THEN SAID I NEEDED KUZNETSOV'S HELP. I WAS UNDER
INSTRUCTIONS TO DELIVER PERSONALLY A LETTER TO MARSHAL
USTINOV FROM HIS COUNTERPART SECRETARY BROWN. SINCE
JUNE 3 I HAD BEEN TRYING TO GET AN APPOINTMENT BUT MY
STAFF HAD RECENTLY BEEN TOLD THAT USTINOV WOULD BE
TERRIBLY BUSY FOR AT LEAST SIX WEEKS AND THEREFORE

UNABLE TO SEE ME. IT WAS VERY HARD TO BELIEVE THAT USTINOV HAD NO TIME TO SEE ME FOR SUCH AN EXTENDED PERIOD AND I HOPED THAT KUZNETSOV WOULD DO WHAT HE COULD TO FACILITATE THE CALL.

4. I THEN WENT ON TO SAY THAT AT THE SAME TIME I WAS SEEKING HIS AID IN FACILITATING SEVERAL OTHER APPOINTMENTS. MY STAFF HAD ALREADY WRITTEN THE FOREIGN MINISTRY ABOUT MY DESIRE TO CALL ON THE MAYOR OF MOSCOW PROMYSLOV SO THAT WE COULD DISCUSS AN EXCHANGE OF MAYORS, AND ON UKRAINIAN FIRST SECRETARY SHCHERBITSKY DURING MY JULY 26 VISIT TO KIEV. IN ADDITION I WISHED TO CALL ON PREMIER KOSYGIN, DEPUTY PREMIER MAZUROV, DEPUTY PREMIER TIKHONOV AND CERTAIN PARTY LEADERS SUCH AS SUSLOV, KIRILENKO AND KULIKOV. I CLOSED BY EMPHASIZING THAT MY REMARKS DID NOT CONSTITUTE A COMPLAINT BUT RATHER A REQUEST FOR ASSISTANCE SINCE MY GOVERNMENT FEELS STRONGLY THAT I SHOULD HAVE THE SAME KIND OF ACCESS THAT DOBRYNIN DOES.

5. KUZNETSOV SAID HE WELL UNDERSTOOD MY POINT THAT AMBASSADORS SHOULD HAVE GOOD ACCESS TO HOST GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS "SO AS TO EXPAND COOPERATION AND STRENGTHEN CONTACTS." I SHOULD UNDERSTAND THAT HE WAS UNABLE TO GIVE ASSURANCES ON THE SPOT THAT ALL THOSE I HAD
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MENTIONED WOULD BE ABLE TO RECEIVE ME IMMEDIATELY. HOWEVER, "WE WILL NOTE YOUR REQUESTS AND DO WHAT WE CAN. WE CAN'T PROMISE ANYTHING DEFINITE BUT WE'LL TRY."

6. COMMENT: MY STAFF WILL FOLLOW UP WITH A LETTER TO MFA REFERRING TO THIS CONVERSATION AND REQUESTING FACILITATION OF APPOINTMENTS. I NOW RECOMMEND THAT WE WAIT UNTIL MID-AUGUST FOR AN APPOINTMENT WITH USTINOV. IF THE SOVIETS FAIL TO SET ONE UP BY THEN, NOTWITHSTANDING THE DEPARTMENT'S INTERVENTION WITH THE SOVIET EMBASSY AND MY REQUEST TO KUZNETSOV, THEN I RECOMMEND THAT WE SHELVE THE INVITATION TO OGARKOV AND BY ONE MEANS OR ANOTHER LET THE SOVIETS KNOW THAT WE HAVE DONE SO AND WHY. I HAVE NO DOUBT THAT THE SOVIETS KNOW THAT SECRETARY BROWN'S LETTER CONTAINS AN INVITATION TO OGARKOV. IF THEY ARE UNWILLING TO GIVE ME THE ACCESS TO DELIVER IT PERSONALLY TO USTINOV, THEN THEY SHOULD PAY THE PRICE.
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